

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 505 THIRD STREET, MAY 7, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT Pat Casanova, Paul Deziel, Pam Brokaw, Kevin O'Neil, Dan Korum, Mike Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT Michael Mroz, Tim Heckman, Clay Duncan, Scott Menitz, Justin Farner, Collin Mueller, Tom Vanderwoort, John Barbour, Mason Holum, Joey Augustin, Kim Bennewitz, Jim Topitzhofer, T.A. Davis and others

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casanova at 5:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES Motion by Brokaw, second by O'Neil to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019, 2019 Park Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW PROPOSAL BY ST CROIX SAILING SCHOOL FOR LEASE OF SPACE AT 18 BUCKEYE STREET Mroz stated the St Croix Sailing school is requesting to utilize space at the Buckeye Garage in efforts to hold more classroom activities and store equipment. He noted currently the school has a lease agreement for use of the southernly portion of picnic point.

Collin Mueller gave a short presentation on the St Croix Sailing School's future goals that included a year-round classroom setting, better security of equipment and boats, space to accommodate more students and enhance the program.

Mroz stated discussion between city staff and SEH took place in reference to future improvements of city owned facility's located in the floodplain. He stated the meeting resulted in the need to further assess the Buckeye Garage facility and the existing condition, assessed value and the cost of any improvements. He noted there are restrictions in place for improvements that are 50% of the assessed value.

Further discussion continued on use by others and the need to assess. No action was taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2019 GRANDVIEW PARK CONCESSIONS AGREEMENT WITH THE HUDSON BOOSTERS Tim Heckman, representing the Hudson Boosters, stated the Hudson Softball organization has withdrawn from their agreement to sell concessions at Grandview Park for the 2019 season. Heckman stated the Hudson Boosters have worked closely with HSA over the years selling concessions for tournaments and other events at Grandview. Heckman is requesting the city to consider entering into an agreement with the Hudson Boosters under the same terms, noting the 6% financial reimbursement to the city monthly and no alcohol sales.

MOTION by Brokaw, second by Deziel to recommended entering into agreement with the Hudson Boosters for the sale of concessions at Grandview Park for the 2019 season. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE OPERATIONS OF LAKEFRONT PARK CONCESSIONS BY ST CROIX VALLEY POPCORN Clay Duncan, St Croix Valley Popcorn, presented a proposal to sell concessions at the Lakefront Park Beach house for the 2019 season. Mr. Duncan stated the main menu item will include plain and flavored popcorn and other small items.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Brokaw to accept the proposal submitted by St Croix Valley Popcorn for the operation of concessions at Lakefront Park Beach House for the 2019 season. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DESIGN FOR THE GRANDVIEW PARK RESTROOM Mroz presented the plan drawings provided by Elliot Architects and summarized the amenities of the Grandview Park pavilion facility. He stated the facility is 55' x 28' and will include two

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restrooms, a small pavilion with seating, a serving counter including electrical outlets, and a storage room that can be converted into a future warming house. Mroz added that a natural gas line is included as an option which would provide service for future heating options.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Kennedy to recommend Elliot Architects to proceed with the Advertisement for bid for the construction of the Grandview Park restroom facility. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ON A COMMUNITY TREE Kim Bennewitz presented a proposal for consideration of a community tree, including a list of the benefits of a community tree. She is suggesting the tree to be located somewhere in the City where it could be used as a gathering spot for the community, visitors, and organizations.

Discussion on a possible location in a park continued noting this would not be exclusive to holidays and should be handled through an organization. No action taken.

HUDSON SENIOR PROJECT PRESENTATION Mroz stated Mason Holum and Joseph Augustin from the Hudson High School contacted him to discuss a survey they had taken on the overall amenities of the city parks. He added that the students were provided with the Outdoor Recreation Plan, Waterfront Vision Plan and the proposed 10-year capital improvement plan.

Holum and Augustin provided their findings to the Board, highlighting the need to get people outdoors, improving amenities, fundraising efforts and increasing taxes to pay for improvements. The Board asked the students to provide the collected data.

2019 ELECTION OF OFFICERS Casanova called the election of officers to the table.

MOTION by Brokaw, second by Deziel to nominate Pat Casanova as Park Board Chairman. Casanova accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Casanova, second by Deziel to nominate Pam Brokaw as Vice Chairman of the Park Board. Brokaw accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Kennedy, second by Brokaw to nominate Paul Deziel as Park Board Secretary, with Deb Andrews as Acting Secretary. Deziel accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS 2019 BOAT LAUNCH PROCEDURES AND SEASON PASSES Mroz provided information on the upcoming changes to the boat launch daily launch operations. He stated the parking pay stations for the boat launch will include a Wisconsin resident rate of \$8.00 and an out of state rate of \$12.00. Noted season passes will still be made available at the \$80.00 rate for Wisconsin residents and \$120.00 for out of state.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Brokaw to recommend approval of the changes to the 2019 Boat Launch rates and operations. MOTION CARRIED.

PROJECT UPDATE Mroz stated the Walnut Street Bridge repairs is near completion. He added that contractors are finishing up on the bandshell ceiling repairs and installation of the new lighting system.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. 6:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews  
Acting Secretary